



Iowa Department of Human Services

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Date: 7/14/14

Paulyette Wright
814 W Jefferson St
Creston, IA 50801

Date Complaint Received: 6/27/14

Complaint Received By: DHS

Complaint Description: The Department received a complaint concerning the home being unsafe per local fire department inspection including missing windows, leaking roof, porch in poor repair, and electrical problems.

Rule Basis: Findings considered in accordance to Rule(s) 110.5(1) "conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards..." and 110.5(1)e "electrical wiring shall be maintained..."

Findings: In person spot check conducted on 7/11/14. Several of the items in the complaint were part of an ongoing corrective action request from April 2014. Paulyette has made significant progress through her own work and that of some local contractors. Porch has been fully repaired. Electrical outlets and open areas in the kitchen have been updated, fixed and covered including new drywall work. The leaking roof is being addressed by local contractor. No pooled water or mold problems visible during spot check. The local fire chief conducted his inspection under the assumption the home was a rental when in-fact; the home is being bought on contract. Paulyette's last item to satisfy local fire chief was to repair the kitchen ceiling. The ceiling has been entirely removed and awaiting complete replacement by local contractor. The open ceiling was appropriately covered by plastic until new drywall can be installed. Windows have been repaired/replaced and are currently intact. Note – Most of the areas in question were in parts of the home not used or accessible to children or the childcare operation.

Resolution: Provider has adequately addressed the structural and/or safety items identified in the complaint and to satisfy inspection from local fire chief. I do not have evidence of current non-compliance with conditions in the home being safe, sanitary and free of hazards.

A full spot check was conducted with the complaint, and some other items of non-compliance were identified. These are identified below and will be addressed through this corrective action request.

This letter is in regards to the 7/11/14 complaint check of your Category B, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

☐ 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. (You have started the process to add James Sr. to your household and need to follow-up with the requested background checks to be sent in to the Registration Unit. I will be checking the Kindertrack system to see that he is appropriately added as a household member.)

☐ 110.5(1)j Emergency and disaster plans for fire and tornado are written and posted by primary and secondary exits. (You need to post an emergency/disaster plan next to your front and back door. This plan needs to include a map of your main floor and clearly mark fire/tornado exits/locations.)

☐ 110.5(1)j The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas.

☐ 110.5(1)q All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites. (You need to obtain current vet check statements for your two dogs to be kept on file. These need to be renewed every year.)

110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:

☐ 110.5(2)a A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every two years. (You need to obtain current copies of a physician signed statement of health for yourself and all household members to be kept on file. These need to be renewed every 3 years.)

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations on or before 9/2/14.**

☒ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a re-check or follow-up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you come into complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates. **Please check mark each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed. By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section.**

I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by: 9/2/14.

X

Signature

Date

Please call me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-800-722-7619.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).